

HONORING COLONEL RICHARD
WEAVER

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Richard Weaver, the 36th Commander of Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center, November 1, 2021 through December 1, 2022.

Colonel Weaver began his studies at the University of Mississippi, receiving a Bachelor of Public Administration Degree. He additionally completed a Graduate Certificate in Project Management from Columbia Southern University. He also holds a Master of Business Administration from William Carey University and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

As an Army Engineer, he has served at every leadership level and held primary key staff positions, most notably during his two deployments to Iraq, culminating in his current assignment as the Camp Shelby Installation Commander.

Colonel Weaver is the first to command the two Mississippi Army National Guard installations. Before becoming the Commander at Camp Shelby, he served as the Commander of Camp McCain Training Center, located in north Mississippi just outside Grenada.

For his outstanding service, Colonel Weaver received numerous prestigious awards, including the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Combat Action Badge, the De Fleury Medal and many other federal and state awards.

Colonel Weaver resides in Gulfport, MS, and has two beautiful daughters, Kaley and Kameron. I thank his family for their strength and support during his 35 years of service. Colonel Weaver perfectly embodies the official organizational march of the United States National Guard "Always Ready, Always There!" He is a true American patriot, and I am honored to call him my friend and fellow Guardsman.

Semper Fidelis.

HONORING SANDY MARTIN,
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
SHOREVIEW, MINNESOTA ON THE
OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Sandy Martin, as she prepares to retire on December 31st after 26 years of dedicated service as mayor of the City of Shoreview, Minnesota. Over the past two and a half decades, Mayor Martin has committed herself to being a loyal public servant and a strong advocate for all the residents of her city. Although her time serving the City of Shoreview in official capacity is coming to an end, she leaves a lasting impact, and I thank her for her many contributions to state and our region.

A graduate of the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities, Mayor Martin's aptitude for leadership was apparent even before her time as an elected official. From 1975 to 1988, she was a member of the Shoreview planning commission where she also served as chair for three years. Then, in 1989, she was elected to the Shoreview city council and served in this capacity until 1993, helping to oversee many important city projects including the construction of the Shoreview Community Center in 1990. Martin was first elected as Mayor in 1996 and is now serving in her 13th consecutive term. Her background in local government prepared her well to lead the City of Shoreview and is a testament to her commitment to improving the quality of life for residents.

As Mayor, Martin has played an important role supporting residents. She led Shoreview through the hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic and worked tirelessly to improve city services and support small businesses. Additionally, she has led the community through numerous projects that will impact future generations for decades to come. She has been engaged with residents and needs of the community by advocating for affordable housing, overseeing three expansions of the community center, reconstructing city streets and updating parks across the city. Throughout her time working in local government, she has attended more than 1,300 council and planning commission meetings—which is truly impressive. Her unyielding dedication to public service is a major reason that Shoreview is a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

Mayor Martin is also a leader in the community beyond her elected position, earning the respect of her peers around the East Metro region. She has served on various boards such as the Shoreview Community Foundation, the Municipal Legislative Commission, Northeast Youth and Family Services, the St. Paul Urban Tennis Program, the Regional Council of Mayors, and the Ramsey County League of Local Governments. Her work in the community has been recognized through various well-deserved honors throughout the years that celebrate her outstanding public service.

Over the past 26 years, Mayor Martin has exhibited outstanding initiative and vision on behalf of her community; it has been a great pleasure to work with her. She has been a steadfast leader for the City of Shoreview, and her guidance will be missed. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the impactful career of Mayor Sandy Martin.

TRIBUTE TO ASSEMBLYMEMBER
MARK STONE ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of California Assemblyman Mark Stone who is retiring after serving five terms as a state legislator. He is a leader with a strong and well-earned reputation as an environmental defender and as a champion of the rights of California's most vulnerable residents.

Mark Stone has a long and distinguished history of public service. He was twice elected

to the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors where he held leadership roles on the County Regional Transportation Commission and the First 5 Commission. He led a reorganization of the County's child welfare system and fought discrimination against LGBTQIA+ youth. He led the successful effort to ban single-use plastic bags and served with distinction as Vice Chair of the California Coastal Commission. Mark was also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Scotts Valley Unified School District and served as its President. Prior to his career in public service, he worked as an attorney and as a Professor at the Naval Postgraduate School.

As the representative from the 29th Assembly District, which includes portions of Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, and Monterey Counties, Mark served as Chair of the Judiciary Committee and as a member of the Human Services Committee. He also served as Chair of the Select Committee on Coastal Protection and Access to Natural Resources and is a member of the Banking and Finance Committee.

During the disastrous CZU complex fires of 2020, Mark was an ardent and effective advocate for allocation of state resources for residents and businesses affected by the disaster.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House to join me in thanking Mark Stone for his exemplary service and wishing him every blessing in the next chapter of his life. He is a good and great man and we are a better community and a stronger country because of him and his work.

HONORING CALIFORNIA STATE
SENATOR JIM NIELSEN

HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Mr. LaMALFA. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize and honor the public service career of my good friend, California State Senator Jim Nielsen. Senator Nielsen will be retiring from public service after many decades of dedication to the great people of California, and to the North State. I would not be where I am today, here in the House of Representatives, had it not been for the support and advice of a rancher from Tehama County.

Jim grew up on a small farm in the San Joaquin Valley and then went on to Fresno State where he majored in Agricultural Business. Working on ranches, operating cattle and row crops gave him a perspective of honest hard work that is desperately needed in the State Senate and the Assembly today. Jim was originally elected in the California State Senate in 1979, and then served as Republican Leader from 1983 through 1987. Jim went on to be Chairman of the California Board of Prisons Terms from 1992 to 2007.

Jim has always stood up as an advocate for victims of crime; he is known as one of the strongest voices in California history for justice. Often called the "Grandfather of Victim's Rights" he has helped deliver justice, hope, and peace for many impacted by crime. Jim's work through many organizations has helped to give victims a voice.

Jim went on to again serve in the State Assembly and State Senate after his time on the

Board of Prisons, but it's to his character that I wish to speak of here.

I appreciate the friendship I have been given by this good man. He is a model of public service and helping people against the overreaches of government that I have strived to embody myself in my public service. Jim is a man of God, who shows us Christ's example in his own actions. I value the partnership we have had, the challenges we have faced together, and the victories we have shared.

My friend Jim's legacy to the North State will not be forgotten. I wish Jim and Marilyn, his children, and his grandchildren the very best. May God continue to bless him in his retirement and our state and our Nation. It has been an honor to serve the people of the North State alongside you.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR JAMES A.
FAILACE MEMORIAL PARK

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the dedication of Mayor James A. Failace Memorial Park in Carteret, New Jersey. I join with borough officials, employees, residents, and the Failace family in paying tribute to the life and service of Mayor Failace as Shorecrest Park is renamed in his honor.

Mayor James A. Failace, a dedicated public official and member of the community, passed away on December 31, 2020. First elected to borough council in 1995, he served as mayor from 1999 to 2003. Throughout his tenure, Mayor Failace was a well-respected leader who served the needs of the residents. He volunteered his time throughout the community as a youth athletics coach, an active member of St. Joseph's Church, and a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus Carey Council No. 1280.

The son of Nellie (Bodino) and Fred Failace, Mayor Failace was born in Jersey City and was a graduate of St. Michael's High School in Union City and St. Peter's College. Following high school, Mayor Failace enlisted in the United States Air Force where he bravely served in the Vietnam War.

Madam Speaker, once again, it is my honor to commemorate this dedication ceremony in remembrance of Mayor James A. Failace. Mayor Failace honorably served our nation and the Carteret community, and his selflessness, duty, and civic engagement are truly deserving of this recognition.

HONORING ED BURTNER

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a special citizen of our great nation, Mayor Ed Burtner. Mayor Burtner lives in Winchester, Kentucky and serves the people of that wonderful community as mayor.

Mayor Burtner was born in Virginia. He began his service to America in 1969 as a member of the United States Marine Corps. He actively served during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged as a Platoon Sergeant in 1975. He is the commandant of the Harold G. Epperson Medal of Honor, Detachment No. 1113, Marine Corps League. He is the past commandant for the Kentucky Department Marine Corps League. He is an active participant in the 6th District Veterans' Coalition and is a valued advisor to me on issues of importance to veterans.

Following his service as a Marine, Mayor Burtner earned a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts in Public Administration from the University of Tennessee. In 1981, he was hired to serve as City Manager for the City of Winchester. In 2006, he was first elected Mayor of the City of Winchester. He was re-elected in 2010, 2014, and 2018. Mayor Burtner loves his city and refers to Winchester as the "center of the universe". He has been awarded many accolades for his service to the community. After a long and distinguished career of public service, Mayor Burtner is retiring.

It is my honor to recognize this amazing public servant and thank him for his many years of service to our country and to Winchester, KY. Mayor Ed Burtner's leadership, his dedication, and his love of community are greatly appreciated.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 6

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the 2023 Farm Bill, focusing on research programs.

SR-328A

DECEMBER 7

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, David Michael Capozzi, of Maryland, Christopher Koos, of Illinois, Samuel E. Lathem, of Delaware, and Robin Lee Wiessmann, of Pennsylvania, each to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Robert E. Primus, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Sue Ellen Moore, of Washington, and Andrew J. Read, of North Carolina, both to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, Rubydee Calvert, of Wyoming, and Diane Susan Kaplan, of Alaska, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and routine lists in the Coast Guard.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the Civil Society Campaign to improve the lethality and survivability of the Ukrainian military.

SD-562

DECEMBER 8

11 a.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To receive a briefing on demining Ukraine.

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